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REPORT TO READERS

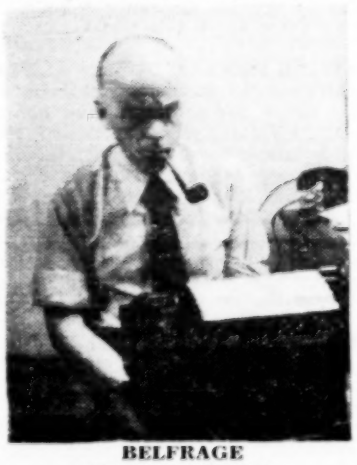
Christmas, 1951—a mink's-eye view

By Cedric Belfrage

THE perennial duty of wishing a Merry Christmas to readers elicits a groan from **Simplified Economics** of Kansas City, Mo., one of our favorite progressive publications. Reviewing the folk on the receiving end of the wish—parents of sons in Korea, youngsters home from Operation Killer minus a leg or arm, harassed small businessmen, escalated union members watching prices soar out of sight of wages, old age pensioners "hoping for a miracle"—the paper wishes all

> . . . a Happy Christmas which we know damned well you won't have. Verily, verily, the world is in a helluva fix and the fault is probably not with God.

This is pretty much what Father Clarence Duffy had to say, more politely but no less forcefully, in the Christmas message he wrote for the GUARDIAN last year: "The traditional Christmas wish will have a hollow sound for many in this year of our Lord . . ." Nothing has happened since to make this Christmas any merrier for the average American: insecurity is greater, some 66,000 more Americans have been killed, maimed or wounded in Korea for absolutely nothing, and the air is more poisoned than ever by hate and hypocrisy as America again gets set to celebrate the Prince of Peace's birthday with canned carols and libations of bourbon.



BELFRAGE
Consider the mink

To this we should add that the slaughter of minks to warm female fundaments in the most depraved section of our society has reached an all-time high.

SURELY the lowly mink deserves some sympathetic attention from us at this "festive season," even if his habit of waiting patiently around to be made into coats is something less than admirable. There are things we can learn from the mink. He is a small tubular mammal who lives to a deplorable extent in Russia. As Webster says of him:

> Mustela vison of North America [has] a somewhat bushy tail . . . and feeds largely on fish. . . . A related species (Mustela siberica) occurs in eastern Asia.

Though carnivorous like the human species, the American mink—unlike **homo Americanus**—does not devour his young and has a friendly attitude toward his Siberian cousin when thrown in the latter's company. Since his Siberian cousin has an equal desire to be friendly, and since the mink world publishes no **Collier's** magazine, American and Russian minks get along splendidly.

This symptom of intelligence alone makes the mink—whether the "Red" or the "free" mink—undeserving of being hung where he gets hung in today's America. Yet perhaps his tribe, at least, is not being immolated in vain, if the human degradation he is coming to symbolize finally shakes drugged America into consciousness of the grand and glorious ride for which it is being taken by its "best" people.

DURING the past week the revelations of cynical corruption—revelations brought out, of course, for no principle's sake but on a straight pot-vs.-kettle basis — have reached to the very top of our government. The payoff came when Democratic Natl. Committee chairman McKinney, who was himself shown to have scooped up $68,000 in one shady deal, was called to the White House to discuss with Truman "drastic action" to clean out the Democratic cesspool.

America also learned during the week that Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, who as U.S. Atty. General appointed the now publicly disgraced Caudle as Asst. Atty. General after a hunting trip they made together, knew all about Caudle's character at the time. A N. Carolina FBI agent (now understandably "former") told how he personally reported to Clark in 1945 on Caudle's "indiscretions" which Caudle thus explained away: "Somebody kept putting presents in my car while it was parked." Clark's only concern at the time was: "Will he embarrass me?" He was reassured when Washington FBI chief Scheidt said that "Caudle knew his way around all right."

Clark, the Atty. General who started the "subversive list" and political witch-hunt; McGrath, the present incumbent who has carried it on; McCarran, father of the infamous McCarran Act and responsible for Justice Dept. appointments as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; now the shadow of corruption thrown by their political enemies falls publicly on them too, as it fell on J. Parnell Thomas who ended in jail beside his innocent victims. Now America begins to learn, as Germany learned too late, what type of man it is and must by the nature of things be who hides behind screams of "Communist!"—and what it is that he hides.

LET it not be forgotten that, huge as must seem to us Joe Blows the sums pocketed by our corrupt "leaders" in these fix deals, they are chickenfeed compared with the billions that "respectable" Big Business is rifling out of our pockets by the same device of diverting our attention to a fire that isn't there.

The airborne week-ends, presents left in cars and mink coats are but the outward and visible pimple on the face of our diseased and decadent society. And this disease is not just a germ we "happened" to pick up. It follows as surely as night follows day our choice of a national policy based on callousness, greed, lies and brute force.

WHEN the American majority who backed the New Deal learn—as progressives who stayed awake long ago learned—to draw the only conclusions from the facts now known to all, will it be too late?

That seems to be a question which the sensible minks would associate themselves with us in asking at this Christmas-tide, as the Presidential election year—the year of decision—knocks at America's door.

There is always, of course, the easy alternative which Brother Mink knows so well, of waiting wordlessly to be turned into a coat—or a lampshade.

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THE MAIL BAG

Onward capitalist soldiers

E. PEPPERELL, MASS.

It seems to me, for a country that puts so much faith, and gives so much praise, to the system of free enterprise, ruled by the mechanics of the market and the spur of the profit motive—theoretically speaking, that is—there is a singular lack of its exercise in a department of our national life that is said by many to be the most important of all.

I refer, of course, to our armed forces. Where is the profit motive, the exercise of private initiative, and all the marvelous virtues of free enterprise among these millions of men, upon whom, it is said, our life as a nation depends? What private can rise to be a general by the exercise of initiative and brains? What private would want to be a general without the profit motive to inspire him!

Al Amery

Now you're talkin'

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

The enclosed $20 is the result of a party the other night. Like the GUARDIAN, it started off small, was always very vocal, and grew constantly. Richard M. Powell

New peace directory

CHICAGO, ILL.

The 1952 Supplement to the pioneer USA PEACE DIRECTORY (June 1951) is now being compiled. The DIRECTORY lists 340 USA committees, and references to more than 3,000 additional peace committees in the USA alone.

Every peace organization, peace committee, and peace-active individual who issues peace releases or publications, is requested to place me on the mailing list and to send me all past releases and publications.

Alfred Bofman
U. S. Comm. Against Militarization
6329 S May St.

Not so wild about . . .

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Thirteen may be an unlucky number. But in listing the states represented at the Chicago midwest regional Progressive Party meeting, why leave out Missouri? After all, we progressives did not elect Mr. Truman in 1948. We were on the ballot then and will be on in 1952 (although the bill has been passed to throw us off.)

Don't get me wrong, the GUARDIAN is still the best paper published in these United States. God bless it and the people supporting it. Sol Derman

How crazy can you get dept.

". . . After 35 years of rule, the Kremlin has not been able to gain the loyalty of the people. Stalin himself once admitted this, when he told me during the war that the people were "fighting for their motherland, not for us."

W. Averell Harriman
in Dept. of State Bulletin
May 21, 1951

(Sender of each item published under this heading gets a free one year sub. Winner this week: M. Goldman, Wash., D. C.)

Winston may well worry

LONDON, ENGLAND

In connection with the worries expressed by Churchill on the eve of his visit to Truman, as to the unrestricted U.S. use of Britain as an A-bomb base, a passage in the new book **The Challenge of Atomic Energy** by the Australian atomic authority Dr. E. H. Burhop is illuminating: "As a result of an atomic bomb exploded in the Thames, a very great area of the docks and of the City could be rendered uninhabitable for years as a result of contamination by radioactive spray."

Authoritative opinion more and more confirms the thesis of Prof. P. M. S. Blackett, and of the Atomic Sciences Comm. of the (British) Assn. of Scientific Workers, that if Britain is used as a base and the U. S. S. R. retaliates Britain is absolutely undefendable. Dr. Burhop's statement means that a total of nine bombs dropped offshore could put every major British port out of action for years.

Britain depends on imports for 50% of her food and most raw materials, and it takes little imagination to see that this makes a complete wash-out of the convoy system whereby in World War II the British and U.S. navies and air forces were only just able to prevent Germany blockading Britain to her knees. I heard this confirmed a year ago at a week-end School on the Defense of Britain by Capt. W. J. W. Woods, director of the Torpedo, Anti-submarine and Anti-mine Warfare Divn. of the Admiralty. A lecturer had said "the convoys would get through" despite use of A-bombs if ships were stationed further away from each other; a lady afterwards asked what good that would do if the ports to which they "got through" had been put out of action by underwater explosions of A-bombs. Capt. Woods replied this would be "very awkward"; the possibility worried the Admiralty because so far as he knew "there was no answer to it."

If this is indeed the fate to which the British people is to be condemned by its U.S. "friends", "in defense of freedom", the question is raised: What is freedom and by whom is it menaced? Does "friendship" demand suicide?

Edgar P. Young
(Commdr. RN retd.)

Not a mumblin' word

UPLAND, CALIF.

Yes, the DuBois stupidity was suppressed completely. No newspaper out here, I believe, said a word about the judge throwing this case out of court. The Attorney General should be impeached or fired for this gross spitting on our Constitution. Nor is the Smith Act any less an insult. Our Supreme Court should be told what a disgrace is the delay in judging this Smith Act. Franklin Baxter

Helene V. Smith

No blues in Wabash

WABASH, IND.

Enclosed is $1 on my pledge. It is small reward for the information, stimulating thoughts and your championship of justice which each issue brings. D. H. Ashley

Moral strength

NEW YORK, N. Y.

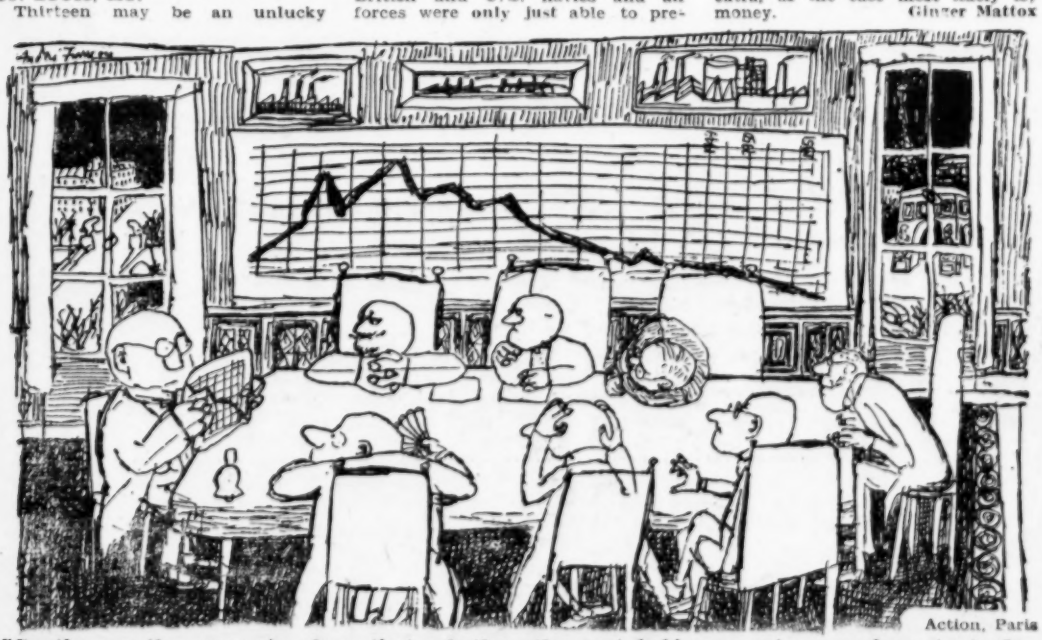
In the introduction to their frightening story of the next world war, the editors of Collier's write: "We are confident that Communist imperialism will be defeated. For the Soviet dictatorship does not have the physical or moral strength to survive a fight for its existence."

What short memories! One of the great lessons the last war taught us was that the U. S. S. R. certainly does have the moral and physical strength to fight a long war. In fact never before had a people fought so magnificently as the Soviet people did, for never had the world seen a socialistic country fighting for its very life. Furthermore, what arrogance and hypocrisy for us with our government rotten with corruption, to speak of moral strength. Carl Jefferson

Plenty of ginger

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

I am just a freshman in high school but I have gotten quite used to hearing the slanted current events and so-called discussions of our great (?) foreign policy. There is not much we kids can fight with except money and that is a mighty expensive weapon. This $5 bill I earned by baby-sitting is my weapon—$3 for the Rosenbergs and $2 for the paper. It is not much, but things are getting tough all over. I hope that other kids who read this will send their extra (or not so extra, as the case most likely is) money. Ginger Mattox



Action, Paris

"Gentlemen, the accounts show that whether they eat babies or not — we have to trade with them."

Christmas for two kids

By William A. Reuben
GUARDIAN special reporter

"HEY, Rubie, does this make me famous?" the youngster asked excitedly. I had just told 8-year-old Michael Rosenberg that GUARDIAN readers wanted to know how he and his 4-year-old brother Robbie planned to spend the holidays this year. Before you could answer, Michael said:

"All right, let's have the interview—fire away. Ain't that what they say? . . . Say," he rattled on, "why do you only charge five cents for the GUARDIAN?" Again he beat me to the punch. "I know—because you don't want to make money, you just want my parents to be free. Do all the people in the GUARDIAN believe my mother and father are innocent?"

"That's right," I said. Michael thought this over for a moment, then exclaimed: "Truman! He ought to read this paper and see for himself that my mother and father are innocent, because he has the right to release them, doesn't he? Doesn't Truman know they are innocent, DOESN'T HE?"

"TELL AUSTRALIA": I started to tell him that it is often difficult to know what goes on in the little President's mind. But brown-eyed, fair-haired Michael was already launched on a discussion of how the article should be handled:

"Tell all your friends about this case, and ask them to give money to the GUARDIAN and the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, and write in the article that everybody should give to the poor and to charity and send some clothes to Korea and also adopt orphans and be kind to animals.

"If you don't mind, I'd like this interview printed in the Australian paper. I'd like to know if all the people in Australia are with us, if they all believe my parents are innocent. And I'd like to have a little news about this from Australia so we can print it in the GUARDIAN."

I asked him why all this concern with Australia. He explained patiently:

"That's the smallest continent. I wouldn't expect all the people of Europe to know about the case—yet."

Then, just as Michael was deciding he couldn't think of anything else to say, he suddenly asked:

"Say! D'you think this might get me into trouble—what I said about Truman?"

THE WAITING WEEKS: For the past several months the Rosenberg children—who following their parents' arrest were kept in a Shelter Home for a year—have been living in a three-room apartment in an outlying section of New York City. They are cared for by their father's aged mother, Mrs. Sophie Rosenberg, and by another woman, also named Sophie, who serves as a combination housekeeper, governess, tutor, companion, friend.

Considering the nightmare that has descended on their lives in the past 18 months, there is surprisingly little to distinguish the Rosenberg boys from any two typical American children of the same age. Only that Michael has developed a slight facial tic and a faintly perceptible speech defect; and Robbie now addresses every woman he meets as "Mommie" and climbs into her lap, and continuously caresses and hugs anyone who visits them.

Every Sunday their father's two sisters come with their two children to visit. (They don't see any members of their mother's family.) Otherwise, except for one boy who occasionally comes to play with Michael and for "Mommie and Mr. Glock" (as Robbie calls Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Bloch, the Rosenbergs' attorney), there are almost no visitors.

"STANDING AROUND": Michael, now in the fourth grade, goes to school every day until three p.m., comes straight home to practice the piano or play cards with "my friend Sophie." Weekends, for Michael, are broken up by a movie Saturday afternoon and the brief visits of his aunt and cousins on Sundays; otherwise, apart from listening to radio programs, "I just stand around the house trying to think of things to do."

Robbie, brown-eyed and brown-haired, and a four-year-old identical boyish image of the photographs you have seen of his mother, spends much of his time standing across the street from his apartment watching trains and cars go by. He says:

"It's not such fun there, though. No children are going there to play. I don't have no friends to play with—I have to go down the street to find friends to play with—all the friends should come up to my house so on a rainy day I could play. Most times I'm staying lonely and there's nothing to play with. I just play with my blocks."

TOYS—AND HOPE: Their relatives will visit them Sunday, December 23, the start of the Chanukah holidays; but Christmas Day will be just like any other Tuesday, except that for Michael there will be no school. Even so, it will be far happier than their Christmas of a year ago. "At least I can hope now to get some good news soon," Michael says, "and anyway I hated the food at the shelter home."

"That Christmas didn't have no toys," Robbie says. "It's no Christmas if there ain't no toys."

In that respect, at least, this Christmas for them will be what it is for kids upon whom no nightmare has fallen.

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Michael and Robbie visited their parents, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, in Sing Sing Death House this week. They received as Christmas presents signet-rings which their parents had had inscribed: "MR (RR) from Mother & Dad 1951."

William A. Reuben, Provisional Chairman,
National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs,
c/o NATIONAL GUARDIAN, 17 Murray St., New York City 7

Dear Mr. Reuben:

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WAR & PEACE

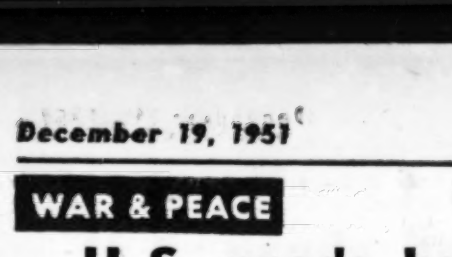
U. S. prods bankrupt satellites; Mid-East drops rubber stamp

WITH Washington's allies in revolt against present burdens, Averell Harriman's "Committee of Wise Men"—designated to figure out how Western Europe could finance seemingly impossible rearmament goals—came out with a report urging a huge increase in military expenditures on all Atlantic Pact countries except Britain and the U. S. Belgium, whose foreign minister had already insisted it could rearm no further, was told to up military spending 70% in 1952, 100% in the three-year period ending 1954. Italy was to add 15 to 20% to its load, France 5%.

The report as described by the press gave no hint how these new goals, or even the earlier goals, could be achieved. **Barron's** (Dec. 3) suggested the approach:

> The root cause of Europe's troubles is civilian demand which diverts production away from exports and arms.

Several of the NATO ministers, the **N.Y. Times** reported from Paris Dec. 14, refused to commit their governments to the "highly embarrassing" financial and political tasks imposed. Gen Eisenhower, in a "blunt and sometimes angry speech" (**AP**, Dec. 15) to the NATO Committee of Planners emphatically endorsing the Harriman report, told the ministers "security" cost money and they would have to pay. His lecture was probably no more appreciated than his earlier appearance before the Rome NATO meeting, where (William H. Stoneman, Chicago **Daily News**, Nov. 28) "his schoolmasterly fashion of talking . . . was widely resented."



Action, Paris

GENTLEMEN WITH GATS: The Schuman Plan for "integrating Europe" economically won a majority in the French Assembly but was running into heavy seas. (More on the Schuman Plan in next week's GUARDIAN). Washington's leadership was being challenged on many fronts. In the UN General Assembly, a second try at forcing the U. S. candidate, Greece, into the Security Council contrary to the "gentlemen's agreement" on Council representation ended in humiliating defeat. U. S. arm-twisting was expected eventually to get the needed two-thirds majority for Greece against Byelorussia, but "the more important reason" seen by the **N.Y. Times** (Dec. 16) for the small nations' reluctance was "the increased danger of war, which is causing many delegates to urge caution on the U. S. delegation."

In an effort "to win Arab support" (**Times**, Dec. 16) Washington agreed to minor modifications in its disarmament plan. But it turned down proposals from many countries that the Big Four closed sessions be resumed, and was cold to suggestions that the new disarmament commission be given the broadest terms of reference and that all mention of the U. S. atomic control plan be eliminated.

A new blow was a Swedish resolution "that would cut the heart out of the Western Big Three resolution to establish a UN commission for Germany" (**Times**, Dec. 16), calling on the Big Four to hold talks with East and West Germans with a view to arranging free elections and unification. To vitiate Sweden's resolution, based on the Potsdam agreement which the U. S. has scrapped, Washington got five Latin-American nations and later some of its Western allies to introduce amendments. But Burma warned that the effort to set up a unilateral commission on Germany might bring another Korea.

Mid-East 'on the brink'

BY a close vote (28 to 23 with 7 abstentions), and after bitter debate, the Assembly rejected the demand of 13 Asian-Arab and East European countries to place on its agenda charges that France has violated human rights in Morocco. The delegate of Pakistan, usually pro-Washington, said the U. S. would be responsible if blood flowed in Morocco; the West, he said, always voted against freedom for non-self-governing peoples while East Europe voted for freedom. The changed attitude in UN of the Arab states, once members of the U. S.'s automatic majority, has distinguished the present Assembly. Alvarez del Vayo reported to the **Nation** (Dec. 8):

> Egyptian diplomats here have repeatedly emphasized their distrust of the West and their friendship for the Soviet Union and not only on the question of Morocco.

The new attitude palely reflects the revolutionary ferment in the Middle East. Stewart Alsop in a N.Y. **Herald Tribune** series (Dec. 3, 5, 7, 14, 16) wrote:

> The Middle East is likely to go the way of China in the fairly near future. This is the thought that haunts the mind of the traveler returning from a journey of observation through Egypt, Israel, Syria, Iraq and Iran. . . . Iran is hovering on the brink of international disintegration. If the powerful Communist underground takes Iran, the Middle East will be like China after the crossing of the Yangtze. Iraq will follow Iran, and in time, whatever we may do, the rot will spread to Suez and beyond.

TURMOIL IN TEHERAN: In Iran, Premier Mossadegh's government appeared to weaken, ground under pressure from Left and Right. The Right opposition demanded settlement with Britain and, in the words of its leader Jamal Imami, "a government which can mobilize the entire country to fight communism." Crowds stormed Parliament; fist fights broke out inside; anti-British and anti-Soviet demonstrators clashed in the streets; 2,000 youths demanded the "return" of the Soviet Caucasus and Baku.

On Dec. 14 a Tudeh (People's) Party demonstration of 10,000 marched the streets unmolested—eight days after police, troops and nationalist gangs had broken up a similar demonstration, closed down 10 newspapers, wrecked Tudeh headquarters. National elections (500,000 out of 16,000,000 can vote) for the two-year parliament which takes office Feb. 21 begin Dec. 18.

Mossadegh, acting (N.Y. **Times**, Dec. 10) "on the urging of President Truman," ended Iran's boycott of the World Court, agreed to argue there its complaint against Britain, hoping thus to qualify for the loan it has asked from the World Bank. Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. meanwhile announced 1950 profits which the **Times** (Nov. 28) called "the biggest ever shown by a British concern." It paid stockholders a dividend of 30%; its net profits of 34 million pounds were almost double 1949.

Daily Express, London

"The next item on the agenda is the U. S. delegate's proposal that in order to secure uniformity and eliminate friction all Canasta cards should be of American manufacture."

IT'S ASPIRIN TIME IN PARIS
The puzzle: Find a happy face

EGYPTIANS ARMED: In Syria, the West recognized the military dictatorship of strong-man Col. Shishekly, who favors Washington's Mid-East Defense Pact. **ONA**'s Wilton Wynn wrote from Cairo Nov. 30:

L'Humanite, Paris

> Shishekly would need all the power of the new pact to hold down internal opposition . . . if such an agreement ever is signed.

In Cairo a **Ce Soir** (Paris) correspondent found an atmosphere reminiscent of that of France in the "liberation months" of June-August, 1944:

> The unity and national unanimity, the power of the patriotic movement for complete liberation, are unimaginable. The whole people stir, demand arms, direct a systematic action against British violence.

Egypt last week withdrew its ambassador from London, gave every citizen the right to bear arms after due notification to the Interior Minister and provided he did not object within a specified period. The move suggested to London's **New Statesman & Nation** that

> . . . [King] Farouk and his advisers think —as Dr. Mossadegh reckoned in Iran— that their best chance is to cash in on nationalism in the hope of forestalling social revolution. The prospect for British interests is bleak. . . .

Korea: what is a 'truce'?

IN the truce tents at Panmunjom, Korea, with the Dec. 27 deadline set for agreement only 10 days away, negotiators were still deadlocked on

- **War Prisoners:** The Communists proposed all POW's be released and exchanged at Panmunjom—sick and wounded first—under supervision of a repatriation commission. The U. S. wanted a man-for-man exchange, complete information on Communist-held prisoners before discussing other terms.
- **Inspection:** Agreement on a jointly-staffed armistice commission which would send observers from neutral nations behind the lines. Disagreement on the scope of inspection—the U. S. seeking the right of air reconnaissance and for inspection teams to roam the country at will, the Chinese and Koreans asking inspection limited to ports of entry.
- **Reinforcement:** The U. S. held to the demand for full-scale continuation of its rotation program, now bringing in 30,000 fresh troops a month, to replenish its supplies and weapons; for a ban on airfield reconstruction in North Korea and on the import of any material which might be used to increase "facilities." At the week-end the U. S. rejected a Korean-Chinese compromise to limit rotation to 5,000 troops a month. Insisting that the truce must contain "foolproof" guarantees against "buildup" of North Korean forces, U. S. spokesmen proclaimed (as did Gen. Van Fleet once again last week) that the U. S. will "build up the South Korean Army until it can stand on its own two feet."

IS THIS SANE? Columnist Irving Pflaum (Chicago **Sun-Times**, Dec. 5) commented on the U. S. position: "Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad." He added:

> The enemy must not improve his air strength in North Korea during an armistice. But the UN—can it improve its ground strength in South Korea during an armistice? Apparently, to judge from the questions asked, the UN hoped to.
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> On the surface, what madness this is! Where your opponent is weak he must remain weak during the armistice. But where you are weak, you can grow stronger—during the same armistice! The UN will replace ammunition and weapons used in training its forces, and fresh units for tired units of "equal strength." But the foe must not replace airfields, or improve them, while the UN is improving its fighting men.

The Communist views of the U. S. proposals were explained by London **Daily Worker** reporter Alan Winnington, who cabled from Panmunjom:

> Under the American proposal anything imported into Korea, any new building, restoration of a factory, down to repair of a truck could be construed as building up of military forces. For North Korea, this is aimed at crippling the country as long as America's limitless armistice continues. For South Korea it would set the seal of agreement on crushing the remnants of Korean industry and legalize total American dumping of every type of consumer goods into Korea. . . . The essence of the American proposal is to maintain forces in Korea at the present level in a state of war for an indefinite period. Essence of this side's proposal is to eliminate war by the earliest possible cease-fire and military armistice, swiftly followed by a high-level peace conference.

Winnington's analysis was indirectly confirmed by Robert S. Allen, who wrote (N.Y. **Post**, Dec. 11) that Gen. Ridgway is "taking no chances on a truce even if one is worked out," believing the Communists will resume the offensive in the spring "in one way or another" and preparing to meet it. Under the U. S. definition, a Korean move to the Left, however democratically made, would be "political aggression," hence resumption of "the offensive."

ALL THE KING'S DULLES' . . .: Asreports indicated that sooner or later the U. S. would agree to a truce, a "lasting armistice" (the Americans' own phrase at Panmunjom) appeared to be Washington's solution to its dilemma in Korea and the Far East. U. S. spokes-

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men frankly admit that withdrawal of U.S. troops would signal the downfall of the Syngman Rhee government. Last week's U.S. admission that among its war prisoners it holds 40,000 "dissident South Koreans" is only one of many indications that—as the N.Y. **Times** said last July—South Korea left to its own devices "might go Communist by internal revolution." Rhee's recent imposition of martial law in the southwest, and launching of an all-out campaign against guerrillas (by U.S. sources said to number 10,000, by Communist sources, 170,000) are others. **Le Monde**'s Robert Guillian reported recently that Korean experts

> . . . all agree in saying that South Korea would vote against Syngman Rhee. Many think the results would indirectly favor the Communists. Some even believe the results would favor a Communist majority.

On Sunday John Foster Dulles—who was in Tokyo to negotiate Army-State Dept. differences over privileges to be retained by U.S. forces in Japan, and to prod the Japanese to rearm and conclude a pact with Chiang Kai-shek—visited Korea for a talk with Rhee. Speculation was that he tried to persuade Rhee to accept an armistice. Dulles afterward told the press:

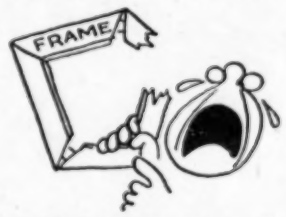
> "Eighteen months ago I said that Korea would not stand alone. Within a week that prophecy was tested. Korea did not stand alone and in the future will not stand alone. . . . The UN will try to achieve its objective — a unified Korea — by peaceful means."

THE LAW

Calif. judge rejects Smith Act charges

IN a 30-page opinion holding that "the indictments do not state facts sufficient to constitute offenses against the U.S.", Federal Judge William C. Mathes in Los Angeles last week gave the Smith Act its first real setback since it went on the books in 1940. He dismissed the charges against 15 California defendants, gave the government ten days to present improved indictments. The status of the 15 remained unchanged in the meantime. Acting U.S. Atty. Walter S. Binns, "stunned" by the ruling, said he would go before a hold-over federal grand jury on Dec. 19, two days before the deadline.

U. S. commercial newspapers either ignored the ruling or interpreted it as



a "technicality." But to the Civil Rights Congress, which has defended all Smith Act victims, it was

> . . . the most telling blow yet won by the people against a corrupt, anti-Semitic U.S. Attorney General's drive to destroy the Constitution.

TARRED JUSTICE: To Elmer Benson, chairman of the Progressive Party, it was "a notable victory for the people." He commented:

> Mr. McGrath's Dept. of Justice, now so thoroughly tarred in the public eye by the recent revelations of graft and corruption, has assumed that it can put people into jail for their ideas, disregard existing laws and time-hallowed procedure under the Constitution, extort high bail, dictate the choice of lawyers, browbeat those who furnish bail, trample over the Bill of Rights.

Said ALP chairman Vito Marcantonio:

> The indictments should never have been returned in the first place. There should be no new indictment, but, if one is voted, it will be equally illegal and equally defective because no legal indictment can come out of an illegal law. If the Dept. of Justice is so intent on returning indictments, it should indict the grafting officials in its own midst.

The Communist Party, whose 11 top leaders have been convicted under the act, with 36 others awaiting trial, called the ruling

> . . . the first real step to victory. [It] affords a new and real opportunity to smash the operation of the Smith Act, to get it off the books. . . .

The CP launched an immediate campaign to block re-indictment and for dismissal of all other indictments.

ADA MOVES: In Washington, Americans for Democratic Action announced a campaign, "together with the American Civil Liberties Union, the CIO and other non-Communist organizations," to repeal the Smith Act and secure "reaffirmation by Congress of our basic freedoms." ADA said:

> We oppose the Smith Act because it proposes to prosecute people for what they think or say rather than what they do.

Judge Mathes ruled the California indictments "defective" on the major grounds that they do not charge specific intent nor show a clear and present danger. The government is thereby required to offer proof on both counts; such proof was entirely absent in the original trial trial of the 11.

REPERCUSSIONS: While Judge Mathes' opinion is not binding, it will undoubtedly be studied by judges in the cases of the New York 17, the Pittsburgh Six, the Baltimore Six and the Hawaii Seven. The indictments in all are nearly identical, since they were drafted in Washington under McGrath's supervision. All are being attacked by the defense on the same grounds used in California. The issues in the New York case are now before Judge Conger, who heard oral arguments last month.

Twelve of the California defendants were free last week in bail of $5,000 and $10,000 each, after a long court battle to reduce original bail of $50,000 each. Three were still in jail under the higher figure; arrested a month after the first 12, they were not included in the bail appeal. Legal moves for their release were under way.

U.S. jury indicts 7 Cicero officials

AFTER FIVE MONTHS, a small measure of retribution caught up last week with some of the men involved on the wrong side of the Cicero, Ill., riots in July in which 23 persons were injured and a 20-apartment building wrecked to prevent a Negro family from moving in. A special federal grand jury indicted on two counts the town president, the police chief, the town attorney, the fire marshall and three policemen. The charges: conspiracy to prevent any Negro inhabitants from occupying and owning property in Cicero, and illegal action to deny Harvey E. Clark Jr. and his family the right to occupy an apartment they had rented. Charged as co-conspirators but not defendants were 36 other cops, about half the town's force.

The National Guard was called out to quell the rioters but failed to prevent great damage to the building. Some 100 rioters were arrested but all were released, some with nominal fines. The case took a weird turn when a Cook County (Chicago) grand jury returned indictments against the victims of the mob. These were later thrown out of court. National and international protests were followed by convening of the special federal jury.

THE NATION

HST SCANDALS OF '51

Chief witch-hunters caught in swamp

WASHINGTON last week seemed a city of glass houses. Every stone-thrower proved to be a prime target.

Back in 1945 Theron Lamar Caudle, then U.S. Atty. in N. Carolina, complained that "somebody kept putting presents in my automobile." Others obtained sweeping discounts for him on autos he bought. One of these was a liquor dealer charged with violating price ceilings and happy because Caudle had quashed the prosecution. The owner of a taxi chain, in heavy tax trouble, paid Caudle's hotel bills. Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn of Charlotte and FBI Agent J. H. Montgomery Jr. were gathering a file on Caudle at the time because of mysterious information leaks from Caudle's office to "one of the most vicious racketeers in the Carolinas."

Clark, McGrath must go

C. B. Baldwin, natl. secy. of the Progressive Party, demanded that Pres. Truman fire Atty. Gen. McGrath, ask for the resignation of Supreme Court Justice Clark. He said: "The American people know that the roots of corruption go far deeper than have hitherto been revealed."

Before Littlejohn could act, word came that Caudle was being considered for the Asst. U.S. Atty. Generalship in charge of tax prosecutions. Littlejohn, thinking there must be a misunderstanding, reported his suspicions to Washington, was angrily rebuked by Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.), head of the Senate Judiciary Committee which was to pass on Caudle. U.S. Atty. Gen. (now Supreme Court Judge) Clark listened to the evidence "jovially," the police chief later reported, then immediately submitted Caudle's nomination. President Truman appointed him.

EVER-OPENING DOOR: Caudle's career exploded early this month when a former attorney for the Capone gang objected to a $500,000 shakedown as the price to stop prosecution for tax evasion. The alleged "fixers" were Caudle's friends, Frank Nathan and Bert K.

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BATTLE AGAINST DEPORTATIONS

Chicago conference rallies help for the foreign born

By Alec Jones
GUARDIAN special correspondent

CHICAGO

FOR 20 YEARS the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has served as a strong shield; a week ago it held its anniversary conference here, attracted 350 delegates and observers representing a score of nationalities, came away more determined than ever to beat back the greatest assault on the foreign born since the Palmer Raids of 30 years ago. Theme of the convention was unity of all foreign born, colored and white, against the new wave of deportation, denaturalization, intimidation and harassment under Smith and McCarran Act rule. Delegates unanimously voted to establish:

- A Natl. Committee for protection of Mexican-Americans.
- A Natl. Committee for protection of West Indian Americans.
- A Natl. Advisory Board as an integral part of the organization.
- A Natl. Youth Committee for Protection of Foreign Born Americans.

THREAT TO ALL: Conference speakers included William Hood, chairman of the Natl. Negro Labor Council; Louise Pettibone Smith, professor, Wellesley College; George M. Murphy Jr., business manager of the newspaper **Freedom** and co-chairman of the ACPFB; Ralph Cuaron, Los Angeles trade union leader and leader in the Mexican community; Ewart Guinier, intl. secy.-treas. of the United Public Workers and chairman of the Greater N.Y. Negro Labor Council; Harriet Barron, admin. secy. of the ACPFB; and Blanch Freedman, the Committee's legal counsel.

The conference demanded immediate repeal of the McCarran and Smith Acts and all legislation, pending or enacted, which restricts or threatens the foreign born.

In her keynote address, Mrs. Barron declared that today deportation is a mass phenomenon calling for new and more dramatic ways of focusing attention on the constitutional rights of foreign born. She warned that attacks on the foreign born threaten all Americans.

Mrs. Barron reported that although over 300 persons today face deportation for their political beliefs, not one whose case is handled by the ACPFB has been deported. She credited that achievement to the support and co-operation given to the committee.

SPREAD THE WORD: Business of the conference was conducted in five main panels—national group, trade union, youth, women and editors. The Women's Committee recommended formation of chapters of the Natl. Women's Appeal in every community possible to defend 32 women facing deportation and separation from family, friends and homeland. The editors' panel proposed that within a month a national conference be called of Negro, trade union and national group editors to insure fullest publicity of the committee's activities.

Murphy, reelected co-chairman with Miss Smith, said the conference paved the way for recognition of defense of foreign born as one of the first lines of defense of American democracy.

Abner Green, imprisoned exec. secy. of the committee, was reelected with a standing ovation. Rt. Rev. Arthur W. Moulton was reelected honorary co-chairman and Charles Musil treasurer.

Photo by Joe Banks, Chicago

THEY SPOKE AT THE CONFERENCE
L. to r.: George Murphy, William Hood, Ewart Guinier, David Hyun

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Naster. Caudle admitted he knew his name was being used in "promotion schemes" and said he had talked with Nathan about it months ago. Nathan insisted his friendship for Caudle was "platonic." Caudle explained to the investigators:

> "The door would open every time it closes. . . . Everybody wants everything.... It's an unusual situation the office gets into quite often."

Caudle's superior, U.S. Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath, who admitted he knew of Caudle's small sideline deal in airplanes with businessmen in tax trouble, and whose name figured in N.Y. tax prosecution postponements engineered by Caudle, insisted he "never heard" of Caudle's "indiscretions." The testimony left him more sad than angry, and he called Caudle a man of "great heart and great love for people" who would not "compromise the Justice Dept."

A TRIBUTE TO HARRY: The swamp that engulfed Caudle and seeped past McGrath and Clark inevitably crept up on President Truman, whose first coming to Washington from the Missouri Pendergast machine was recalled: when Truman asked Pendergast for a $30,000-a-year-job as county tax collector, it had been filled and the Boss had only the U.S. Senator job to offer.

The Temple City, Calif., Junior Chamber of Commerce proposed to dramatize the President's career in a float for Pasadena's annual New Year's Day parade that precedes football's Tournament of Roses. The float would present at one end a youngster behind a haberdasher's counter, gazing at a floral design of the capitol; at the other the youth, grown older, thumping a piano before a White House backdrop, with clusters of girls in mink coats

CAUDLE AND BOODLE
Say, who's that mink I seen you . . .

perched on deep freezers and "other suggestive props."

Presidential press secy. Joseph Short advised the Temple City J. C. that the float would be in "very bad taste." It will not ride on Rosebowl Day.

DIRT AS USUAL: The President was defiant at his press conference last week. He said wrongdoers "have no house" with him, but turned his anger largely against the Congressional investigators and the press, insisting:

- There was no more dirt than usual.
- He had known about it all along.
- He would appoint a special committee to find out about it.
- His Administration had successfully prosecuted communists.

On Saturday derby-hatted, handlebar-mustached Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, who came to prominence as prosecutor of Alger Hiss, slipped into the White House by a side entrance. It was reported that he would be Truman's new house detective, working alongside FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover.

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT: Also in the Washington swamp was Democratic Natl. Chairman Frank E. McKinney, who called "routine" a $68,000 profit he made on a $1,000 investment in 10 months. He, too, was bitter at the press:

> "I've got children in school. If they read those headlines they would think their father is a damn crook."

That was before newspapers revealed that the source of McKinney's haul, the Empire Tractor Co., now bankrupt, was the successor to the Empire Ordnance Co. which prospered during the war under control of two prominent members of the Capone "syndicate."

Much of the swamp's exposure had been due to the investigating subcommittee's able chairman, Rep. Cecil R. King (D-Calif.); but the swamp got him too. Columnist Drew Pearson said he had documents proving that King had used pressure to save from prosecution a California banker charged with tax fraud, diverting GI loans from home construction to his own enterprises, and using depositors' funds to get a Mexican gambling concession.

BE MORAL WITH MAC: Explorers probed the swamp in other directions:

- A House committee sitting in San Diego, Calif., disclosed that real estate men there and all over the country were presenting Veterans' Administration personnel with handsome gifts to jack up the appraisal of homes vets wanted to buy.
- A group of colonels and generals of the Detroit Tank Arsenal and Ordnance Dept. were asked by another House committee to explain why they were still ordering more axle housing gaskets for jeeps, though they had enough on hand now to last 104.1 years. They were also asked why the Army paid Chrysler Corp. $4.06 for a jeep part that could be had for $1.86 from the company that made the parts for Chrysler. House investigator Rep. Porter Hardy (D-Va.) charged that in the last three years of war boom middlemen have earned $305,000,000 in "parasite profits."

"A still more serious default inheres in intellectual corruption—the substitution of propaganda for truth," commented the Hearst Los Angeles **Examiner.** At a luncheon in New York's Waldorf-Astoria, the Salvation Army sought to boost morale by presenting a plaque to the Hearst hero Gen. MacArthur who called upon guests for a "spiritual revival" and was said to have

> . . . by his personal integrity, adherence to the principles of Christianity and devotion to duty, served as an inspiration to his fellow-countrymen.

PEACE

The whole wide world takes up the cry

WILL THERE BE peace by Christmas, the time of peace? No one knew but everybody hoped; thousands worked for it.

IN NEW YORK the peace-by-Christmas drive included a Citizens Peace Rally in historic Union Square last week which brought out thousands on a bitter cold day. Nearly a dozen speakers—leaders of peace groups, clergymen, trade unionists—conducted an orderly rally for two hours. This plea urged President Truman:

> . . . in the spirit of Christmas, to do everything possible to effect a truce in Korea that will stop the shooting now and to assure an armistice by Christmas. We say: not another life must be lost; not another shot must be fired; a cease-fire must be declared; peace on earth must prevail.

IN LONDON, ex-servicemen led the fight for peace during the recent visit of Germany's Chancellor Adenauer who was received by the King, listened to by the Prime Minister, entertained in high places. Lunch-time crowds in Fleet Street, London's newspaper row, were startled to see two Nazi generals in full dress uniform swaggering along. When crowds gathered, the two handed out leaflets: "Adenauer, Go Home." A cop finally took the generals' names, said he would report them "for wearing fancy dress within the City limits."

Next evening the two generals turned up at the swank Claridge's in Mayfair where Adenauer has a suite. They sat haughtily on red plush, demanded to see the Chancellor. Their names were respectfully taken and a message sent up. But then 30 more ex-servicemen in mufti burst into the lobby, displayed anti-Adenauer posters, threw leaflets into the air, refused to leave. An undermanager tried to tackle one, slipped, brought down a heavy table-lamp with a crash. Eventually hotel flunkeys in powdered wigs cleared the lobby. The

Drawing by Siqueiros

demonstrators stood across the street chanting until police arrived and arrested two.

Wherever Adenauer went, demonstrators were there too. Leaflets were showered on MP's in Commons; there was a big demonstration in Piccadilly Circus; students demonstrated against his visit to Oxford University.

Adenauer's visit coincided with that of a group of distinguished Soviet citizens, including deputy mayor Mrs. T. Murashkina of Stalingrad, during British-Soviet Friendship Month. Their first stop: Coventry, where they were feted by the city government. Mrs. Murashkina also spoke over the British Broadcasting Corp., addressed numerous meetings.

IN WEST GERMANY first results were announced on this plebiscite:

> Are you against the remilitarization of Germany and for the conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany in 1951?

From 11 districts, Yes: 383,270; No: 4,371.

IN SYRACUSE, N. Y., the **Herald-Journal's** inquiring reporter asked:. . .

> What are you looking forward to most in 1952?

Of five queried, three wanted peace above all; one of them said:

> Besides peace for everybody, I am looking forward to my son's return from Korea. He has been over there 14 months and we expect him for Christmas.

IN SAN FRANCISCO Paul and Ida Schnur reported the results of their publishing as an ad in a local newspaper their letter to President Truman asking an immediate cease-fire. Their son has been a POW for a year (GUARDIAN, Dec. 12). Their mailbox is stuffed with letters from other parents of soldiers in Korea, their phone has not stopped ringing. They wrote:

> The response is so great and we are so hopeful that we are thinking of arranging a mass meeting to take place at the Civic Auditorium which holds 10,000. We are confident that our small example here in San Francisco will lead to the formation of committees representing mothers and fathers with sons in Korea throughout the country.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

PP 'on way back,' coast parley told

THE Progressive Party climaxed its regional meetings last week with a west coast conference that brought 300 delegates and 200 observers to San Francisco. (Earlier sessions in Philadelphia and Chicago had sparked the 1952 peace campaign in the east and midwest.) National exec. secy. C. B. Baldwin told the "best turnout yet":

> "We're on the way back fast. The retreat is over. The PP I have seen on this tour has greater strength than at the end of the '48 campaign."

Alfredo Montoya, pres. of the Mexican-American Natl. Assn., said Mexican Americans would run for office in the west. For the first time a formal recommendation was made that the PP run a Negro candidate for one of the two top offices. The conference also backed Hugh Bryson of the Marine Cooks & Stewards in his attack on the waterfront "screening." But the over-all issue for 1952 would clearly be peace. Baldwin summed up:

The man who was right

Vito Marcantonio, chairman of the American Labor Party, was the only member of Congress to oppose U.S. intervention in the Korean civil war. Last week, with the outcry against continuation of the slaughter ringing out everywhere, he wrote in an open letter to President Truman:

> The tragic consequences of the Korean conflict have taught our people that the best defense of Americans in Korea is a cease-fire now; the best protection of American lives in Korea is peace in Korea without further delay. It is not jockeying for position in Korea that will save American lives. Only cease-fire at once will. . . .
>
> I am only one voice in the chorus of the majority of Americans who make the same request to you today.

The ALP prepared to use reprints of Marcantonio's letter in a drive for an immediate cease-fire. Copies were sent to all N.Y. papers. To ALP inquirers who wondered why the **Times** did not run it, spokesmen for the **Times** explained that it was "crowded out."

> "We're not prepared to say who will run, but where there is no independent candidate for peace, civil rights and labor, we will have our own Progressive candidate in the running. The time has come when the American people are recognizing that there is no difference in the two old parties. We said so in 1948. It is more clear to the people today."

Washington State parley seeks welfare benefit increases

TONS of prime Yakima-Wenatchee apples were recently destroyed in Washington State where growers are threatened with grim abundance. Others in the state face starvation.

Early this month 25 mothers tried to place their children in orphanages so that they might get food and clothing. Fifty other mothers journeyed to Olympia to ask Gov. Langley to increase aid to those on relief rolls. Some 21,000 children in the state are said to be in "acute need of food and clothing."

Rising prices, along with drastic cuts in stipends given under the aid-to-dependent-children program, leave mothers without funds or food long before the monthly check arrives. Mothers' grants have been cut 40%, general assistance checks 45% and aid to the totally disabled 37%.

A fortnight ago the Aid-to-Dependent-Children local of the Washington Pension Union held a statewide emergency relief conference in Seattle. Organizations represented included the PP, International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, Marine Cooks & Office Workers, Tabernacle Mis- & Stewards, Distributive, Processing sionary Baptist Church and Finnish-American Mutual Aid.

The conference resolved to picket the Governor and State Social Security Director Roderick Olzendam, then raised funds to campaign for a new referendum to set up adequate relief grants, use surplus food to feed the hungry instead of dumping it.

LABOR

UE gives grim HCL facts, calls for fight

IT takes three times as much money to feed a family now as it did before World War II, according to the latest cost-of-living index released by the United Electrical Workers.

While boards have issued freeze orders by the dozen since the war's end, prices have never ceased to climb. Since Jan., 1950, when the government announced plans to freeze prices and wages, living costs have risen 20%. The freeze affected only wages. UE's Gen-

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eral Exec. Board estimates that in the first six months of the freeze workers had to pass up $2,500,000,000 in raises they could have got by bargaining.

PORKCHOPS IN THE SKY: Unions like the CIO United Auto Workers which tied wages to the cost of living found that they were on an escalator that could never catch up with price rises. According to the escalator clause wages are to go up 1c an hour for every 1.14 rise in the index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. But that index, the BLS has admitted, grossly underestimates living costs. It ignores the effects of direct taxes as well as other significant factors. In October the BLS index read 188.9 (calculating 1939

costs at 100.) For the same month the UE index was at 276.1.

The auto workers and others on the escalator are being cheated out of some 76c an hour.

UE did more than chronicle the mounting cost of rearmament. It led a nation-wide demonstration last week to break the wage freeze. In 40 cities across the country unionists picketed Wage Stabilization Board offices. In New York 5,000 joined the line. In Chicago 2,000 were on the line, a 250-car caravan toured the Loop and 25,000 anti-freeze leaflets were handed out. Some 600 stewards, officers and active rank-and-filers representing CIO, AFL and independent unions gathered at UE Hall and heard UE pres. Albert Fitzgerald declare:

> "Our purpose is not to pierce the wage ceiling for a few cents but to remove the freeze completely. . . . How can you have any confidence that the Administration is right on Korea when we know it is wrong on wages, civil rights, taxes and 99% of what is being done to the American people? We're sick and tired of a Fair Deal that is fair only to the employers. . . . Today, after 100,000 GIs have been killed, maimed for life or wounded, the people of this country are beginning to shout out that a stop must be put to this thing in Korea."

Unions that answered UE's call were: Fur and Leather, Distributive, Office and Processing, Mine-Mill and American Communications Assn.

All unions took up the slogan: "We want more dough."

FREEDOMS

U. S. Mexicans plan fight for equality

IN most of the U. S. southwest, and in many other sections, the Mexican-American citizen suffers discrimination in jobs, pay, housing, social life, schools, politics. Early this month in Denver, Colo., the national committee of the Natl. Assn. of Mexican-Americans voted to conduct

> . . . a national plan of action to insure Mexican representation on all levels of city, state and national government [with] an intensive campaign of registration of all Mexican voters.

Delegates to the meeting rankled at a caricature of Mexicans on the Judy Canova radio show, voted to organize a national boycott of the products of its sponsor, Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co.:

> We call upon all who believe that people are created equal and should have equal rights and opportunities in America to express their resentment of the Judy Canova show directly to the sponsoring company in letters and by refusing to buy products advertised on the show.

Support of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union strike against the Empire Zinc Co. at Hanover, N.M., was listed as "one of the principal immediate activities" of the organization. President Truman was called upon to bring a halt to the war in Korea.

TACTLESS EGYPTIAN: The committee meeting took special note of the arrest in Denver of Abdel Mohsen Homouda, an Egyptian national arrested by immigration authorities without a warrant, placed in solitary confinement and held incommunicado without charges. Homouda was formerly an attache of the Egyptian embassy in Washington and the consulate in San Francisco, where he completed doctorate studies at the University of California. Informed that his government might withdraw his diplomatic visa, he applied for and was promised a student's visa by the U.S. to continue post-graduate work. He planned to enter the University of Colorado, while waiting for his visa spoke at student meetings. His topics: criticism of Britain's role in Egypt and of the U.S.-sponsored Middle East Security Pact. To the Mexican-Americans, his seizure was

> . . . a clear case of a political arrest in violation of the traditional American principle of free speech.

They protested to immigration authorities, who, the Rocky Mountain News reported,

> . . . admitted the arrest had been made without a warrant, but denied there was anything else unusual about it.

'Victor is loser' in Pa. witch-hunt case

LAST January Republican State Atty. Gen. Charles J. Margiotti of Pennsylvania accused Mrs. Marjorie Hanson Matson, Asst. Dist. Atty. of Allegheny County, of "communist tendencies." Result: Mrs. Matson had to take a payless leave of absence from her post, her private law practice declined, she had to borrow money to meet thousands of dollars in court costs, her 10-year-old daughter was taunted in school, her husband was embarrassed at his work, some friends shunned her socially.

Two weeks ago, after 11 months, Mrs. Matson was back in her job; a five-man committee of attorneys appointed by a Common Pleas judge had found the charges against her "vague and general" and not "consonant with American standards of justice."

But with a change of political administration due in the district attorney's office next month, her reinstatement may be short. Commented the Pittsburgh **Post-Gazette**:

> Thus the victor, in some respects, becomes the loser. The vindication never quite erases the accusation and the innocent is left to suffer perhaps irreparable damage. That is the tragedy of McCarthyism wherever it occurs.

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Chicago

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Berkeley, Calif.

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New York

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Philadelphia

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New Jersey

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CHARLES E. DAVIS, Pasadena City College student, suffered jimcrow, grew bitter and "declared war." He turned professional stoolpigeon for anyone who could pay his low price. He wrote later:

> I learned the value of the whispering campaign, the shrewd use of political poison. That sort of thing kept me at the top of the heap in school. Made me feel like a first-class citizen for one thing.

His career led him to Lausanne, Switzerland, where he worked both for the State Dept. and for Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) until his wires crossed and he landed in a Swiss jail. After 11 months of imprisonment he was tried for espionage, convicted, deported to the U.S.

HEALTH & THE FBI: Last month the **N.Y. Daily Compass** serialized his autobiography. This is how Davis described his beginnings:

> One of my best friends was caught pushing narcotics. They found a letter in his pocket from me, giving him introductions to various people. They couldn't prove anything on me but I was called as a witness and had to quit my job. . . . Then came an offer. The Los Angeles cops asked me would I try to get in a drug circle in the Negro section of that city. I was in no position to refuse. . . . I got $300. . . .
>
> A CIO man offered me a similar job. He wanted me to penetrate a rug-making factory and finger the Communists in the union. I turned that one down, though. I heard he had gone in himself and the next thing he knew he was in the hospital. . . . "Not for me," I told him. I like to stay healthy.

Davis joined the Navy, was found with "Socialist and Communist stuff" in his locker. He was questioned, then

> . . . I managed to get myself a discharge and it wasn't long before an FBI man came to my house in Pasadena. He knew all about me. I saw that it would be to my advantage to work with him and might do me no good to turn him down.

DEGRADATION FOR DIMES: So Davis got a job at PP headquarters in Pasadena:

> I worked diligently and soon was in charge of all Negro work. They didn't pay me. I reported every week to the FBI man. Later on I planted myself in the Civil Rights Congress and the California Labor School and reported on them.

The California Labor School gave him $400 to go to Europe to study. He was delighted because "I don't hold Americans in the greatest esteem. As a matter of fact I don't hold anybody in esteem." In Switzerland he settled down with a Communist lawyer, who was "very kind," and applied for permanent residence. When he went to the U.S. consul for a letter of approval,

> . . . I was surprised to find they knew all about me. . . . Tyler, a Texan who speaks very good Russian, suggested that I give them a little information.

Davis cooperated, but when he asked for money Tyler suggested he work for McCarthy who had his own spy network. While waiting for McCarthy's contact man he did some jobs for the U.S. Embassy in Paris which "wanted me to concentrate on Americans" and especially "keep tabs on Negroes." For 5,000 francs he stole from the apartment of a U.S. student literature published by "Americans for Peaceful Alternatives." Said U.S. Embassy man Larkin:

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$2 A MONTH: When McCarthy's man came through, Davis' assignment was to frame the State Dept.'s John Carter Vincent. He forged a telegram to Vincent signed by Emil Staempfli, a Swiss Communist. Then came his arrest.

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Davis said he would think it over: "My angle is to be as friendly as possible, getting all I can." Then he recalled a letter from McCarthy's man offering $20 to "complete his material" on Vincent. He closed the **Compass** series this way:

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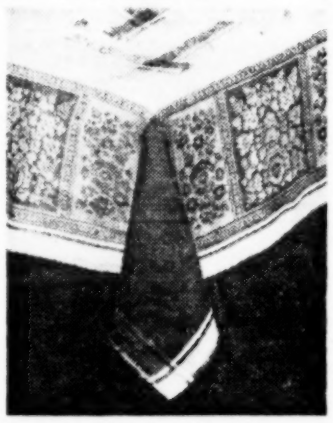

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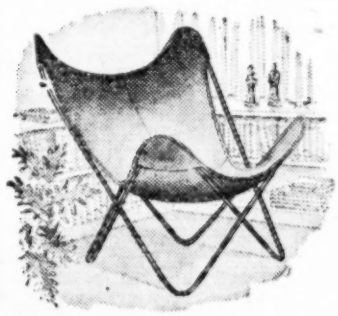

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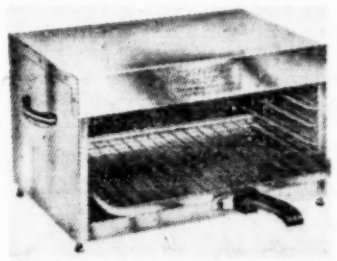

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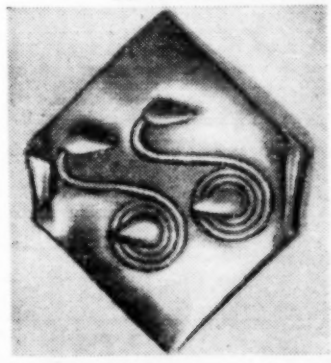

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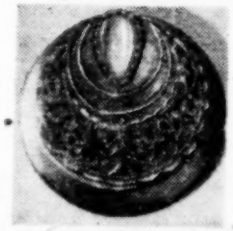

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CHRISTMAS IN KOREA

POW's greet families in U.S.

By John T. McManus

THE latest POW names published herewith came to the GUARDIAN this month from editor John W. Powell of the **China Monthly Review** in Shanghai, along with several other interesting enclosures.

Bulkiest and best of all was a packet of 24 hand-crayoned Christmas cards from POW's in North Korea to their families and friends at home. We immediately forwarded them all, although the temptation was great to delay a few of them for reproduction in print.

The cards resulted from a request by Powell to the Chinese People's Committee for World Peace, which is in contact with most POW camps, for some POW Christmas messages for his magazine's December issue. By editor Powell's deadline 35 cards had arrived of which 24 addressed to the U.S.A. were promptly forwarded to us. The rest were addressed to Hawaii, the Philippines and England.

NEXT in human interest was a sheaf of partial pages from a POW camp newspaper called **Toward Truth & Peace**, printed on fine, white, lightweight stock measuring 15½ by 18½ inches. Several of the names in the accompanying POW list were obtained from by-lines, cartoon signatures and news stories in **Toward Truth & Peace.** The paper, dated Sept. 27, 1951, is mimeographed in blue with red headlines, cartoons and a crossword puzzle also feaured in red ink. Biggest news was the basketball team of First Company at Camp No. 5, which had won 23, lost 4; and announcement of new recreation centers for all camps with playing cards, checkers, pingpong, a library and a 16 mm. movie projector.

Some of the recreation centers are apparently already in operation, judging by discussion of a checker tournament and Christmas celebrations to be held at such centers in some camps. For those not yet fully equipped, Camp No. 5's reporter came through with tips on how to carve checkers and dominoes and how to make playing cards from tobacco boxes, rubbing the makeshift cards with soap to make them easy to shuffle.

Two political articles, both by POW's, discussed the truce talks and the Japanese peace treaty.

A REALLY MERRY CHRISTMAS

In Moorestown, N. J., the MacGhee home was a happy one. Mrs. MacGhee had just got word that her son, Air Force Maj. David F. MacGhee, reported missing after his bomber had been shot down in Korea, was safe as a prisoner of the North Koreans.

ALSO in the batch from editor Powell was the original signed draft of a protest against the bombing of a POW camp by "a single American aircraft" on Oct. 13, reportedly killing four Korean civilians and one Chinese volunteer cook outright and wounding eight British and American POW's of whom one died later. Four previous bombings and strafings have been charged by POW's through camp peace committees since April. The latest protest, issued on behalf of 1,362 POW's in the camp, declared that the camp "does not in any way constitute a military target."

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(In the British Parliament last month, Laborite S. O. Davies asked Under-Secy. for Foreign Affairs H. A. Nutting how many POW's had been killed and wounded in the five bombings charged by POW protests; and whether the Foreign Secy. would publish the protests. Nutting replied that the UN Command was not aware of the sites of POW camps in North Korea, and that the government had no intention of publishing the POW protests.)

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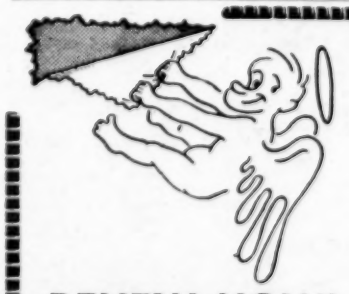

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